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SUBJECT: UNSAVORY CONDUCT OF NEW AND OLD SOCIETIES JEUNESSE DOREE

SUMMARY: EUGENIO LOPEZ III (SON OF IMPRISONED OLIGARCH) AND MIGUEL ROMULO (GRANDSON OF THE GENERAL) ARE AMONG SIX SUSPECTS BEING HELD IN CAMP CRAME PENDING INVESTIGATION OF RAPE CHARGES. NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATING SEPTEMBER 20 SHOOTING INCIDENT IN WHICH DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SECURITY GUARD KILLED UNIDENTIFIED VICTIM AT PARTY ALLEGEDLY TO PROTECT SON OF DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE. SCANDALS ARE EMBARRASSING TO MARCOS'S NEW SOCIETY, WHICH HAS PRETENDED NEW MORALITY, BUT PROVIDE PRESIDENT ADDITIONAL LEVERS FOR POSSIBLE USE AGAINST BOTH OPPONENTS AND SUPPORTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. SEPTEMBER 25 EVENING EXPRESS REPORTED DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE, AT DIRECTION PRESIDENT MARCOS, HAD ORDERED "MANHUNT" FOR SIX YOUNG MEN FROM PROMINENT FAMILIES WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY RAPED GIRL (SUFFERING FROM POLIO) IN EXCLUSIVE FORBES PARK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. FIRST MEMBER OF GROUP APPREHENDED WAS EUGENIO (GABBY) LOPEZ III, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND SON OF IMPRISONED EUGENIO, JR. OTHER SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED INCLUDED MIGUEL (MICKEY) ROMULO (GRANDSON OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY), WHOSE HOME IN FORBES PARK WAS REPORTEDLY VENUE FOR ASSAULT. ENRILE DIRECTED AUTHORITIES TO ACT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS

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AND APPEAL FROM VICTIM'S PARENTS WHO FEARED INFLUENCE OF

ALLEGED RAPISTS' FAMILIES MIGHT FRUSTRATE INVESTIGATIONS.

2. FRONT-PAGE STORIES IN SEPTEMBER 26 DAILY EXPRESS AND TIMES JOURNAL REPORT ALL RAPE SUSPECTS APPREHENDED BY LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 25. LOPEZ III AND ONE OTHER SUSPECT HAVE GIVEN STATEMENTS BUT OTHER FOUR SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY COUNSEL TO SAY NOTHING. THEY ARE DETAINED AT CAMP CRAME. AS REPORTED IN PRESS, FACTS IN CASE AS FOLLOWS: TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD POLIO VICTIM WAS ATTENDING PARTY IN SUBURBAN GREENHILLS EVENING SEPTEMBER 19 WHEN TWO SUSPECTS, INCLUDING RUMULO GRANDSON, ALLEGEDLY DRUGGED AND ABDUCTED HER. SHE WAS REMOVED TO ONE LOCALE WHERE SHE PLEADED TO BE RETURNED TO PARTY. INSTEAD, ABDOCTORS TOOK HER TO ROMULO'S HOUSE IN FORBES PARK, WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY FOUR OTHER SUSPECTS, FIVE OF WHOM ALLEGEDLY ABUSED HER. SHE WAS THEN TAKEN TO RESIDENCE OF ANOTHER SUSPECT, WHERE SHE WAS FURTHER MOLESTED.

3. POLICE SOURCE TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER SEPTEMBER 26 THAT ALL INVOLVED IN CASE WERE HIGH ON DRUGS, INCLUDING ALLEGED VICTIM, AND OPINED THAT SHE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULT TIME IN PROVING ACTUAL RAPE. HE NOTED THAT GABBY LOPEZ DID NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE IN RAPE.

4. WHILE SECRETARY ENRILE BUSY ORDERING MANHUNT FOR RAPE SUSPECTS, HE WAS ALSO ADVISING MARCOS THAT NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SHOULD INVESTIGATE INCIDENT IN MAKATI SEPTEMBER 20 IN WHICH DND SECURITY AGENT SHOT AND KILLED UNIDENTIFIED VICTIM AT PARTY ATTENDED BY ENRILE'S SON, JUAN, JR. ("JACKIE"). DND AGENT CLAIMED HE HAD SHOT VICTIM "IN DEFENSE OF ENRILE, JR." PRESS REPORTS ENRILE TOLD MARCOS THAT IN VIEW NATURE OF CASE CIVILIAN, NOT MILITARY, INVESTIGATION IN ORDER, AND THAT IF HIS SON'S INVOLVEMENT IN CASE WARRANTED PROSECUTION, HE WOULD NOT STAND IN WAY OF CHARGES BEING FILED.

5. COMMENT: CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED MULTIPLE RAPE AND SHOOTING ARE OBVIOUSLY UNCLEAR. FACT GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ALLOW PRESS TO PRINT STORIES - WHICH HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING WIDELY IN MANILA DURING PAST FEW DAYS - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUGGESTS IT HAS CONCLUDED A) THAT STORIES COULD NOT BE SUPPRESSED INDEFINITELY AND B) THAT IT HAS MORE TO GAIN BY REPORTING STRONG GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST SCIONS OF ELITE A LA PURGES. ALTHOUGH REPORTS ARE EMBARRASSING TO NEW SOCIETY, WHICH HAS PRETENDED NEW MORALITY, IT ALSO GIVES MARCOS ADDITIONAL LEVER FOR POSSIBLE USE AGAINST BOTH OPPONENTS AND SUPPORTERS. WE SHALL REPORT POLITICAL FALLOUT OF SCANDALS SHOULD ANY DEVELOP. SULLIVAN

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